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RENEE POUSSAINT: Steve Kladman has another News 7 commentary. Tonight he talks about the CIA's use of Nazis.

STEVE KLAIDMAN: [Unintelligible] years ago I read a series of articles about Baltic Nazis who lied their way into the United States after World War II. They began new lives and hoped the world would forget about the Jews they tortured and killed. For years it looked like that's exactly what would happen, except there were a few Americans who couldn't forget. They included concentration camp survivors, Justice Department lawyers, American soldiers, who dreamt about the walking corpses they liberated at places like Aschwitz [?] and Midonneck [?], and a handful of members of Congress.

Finally, in the mid '70s the Justice Department held some hearings. But until now there haven't been any deportations. It was bad enough that vermin of this kind had infiltrated into the United States, but what really shocked me at the time were the pervasive rumors that the CIA and other intelligence organizations were smuggling them in to spy on the Soviet Union and work for the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe.

Now there's increasing evidence that as many as 5,000 ex-Nazis were spirited into the country and that there's been a coverup ever since. It really makes you wonder what kind of a warped brain would mastermind the importation of small-time sadists and murderers. Is that what it takes to safeguard American democracy?

If Congress, the INS and the Justice Department can't

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figure out how to correct this obscene error, maybe some sort of special prosecutor should.

I'm Steve Klaidman.